

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 22, amend claims 10, 13, 15 and 23-26, and add new claims 27-31, as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A process for producing a colored, oriented strand board comprising:

contacting wood strands which serve as a base material for at least one of three layers of said oriented strand board with a liquid colorant preparation, ~~which comprises at least one pigment and at least one dye~~ wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises:

- (a) 10-70 wt. % of at least one pigment,
- (b) 0.05-7 wt. % of at least one dye,
- (c) 1-50 wt. % of at least one dispersant,
- (d) 10-88.95 wt. % of water or of a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (e) 0-5 wt. % of further customary constituents for colorant preparations;

resinating and forming said wood strands into a three-layered mat comprising a center layer and two outside layers, ~~wherein said wood strands of said center and outside layers are oriented in a cross-directional fashion;~~ and

hot-pressing said three-layered mat ~~into~~ to produce said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said contacting occurs before said wood strands are dried.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said contacting occurs after said wood strands are dried.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The process of claim 10, wherein said hot-pressing is conducted at a temperature of from 180°C to 230°C.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein said wood strands are continually colored by spraying or dipping into a colorant solution or a dispersion.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The process of claim 10, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises ~~from 0.5% to 10% by weight of said dye based on said pigment~~ 0.1-5.6 wt. % of said dye.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein only one outside layer is colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein only both outside layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein only said center layer is colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein both outside layers and said center layer are colored in said colored, oriented strand board.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein when at least two layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board, said layers have different hues.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10, wherein when at least two layers are colored in said colored, oriented strand board, said layers have the same hue.

Claim 22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[22]] 10, wherein component (b) comprises at least one anionic or cationic dye.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[22]] 10, wherein component (c) comprises at least one nonionic surface-active additive, at least one anionic surface-active additive, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[22]] 10, wherein said water retainer comprises a high-boiling organic solvent which is soluble in or miscible with water.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) An oriented strand board comprising wood strands colored with a liquid colorant preparation, ~~which comprises at least one pigment and, based on the pigment, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of at least one dye, wherein said oriented strand board comprises layered wood strands that are oriented in a cross-directional fashion~~ wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises:

(a) 10-70 wt. % of at least one pigment,

(b) 0.05-7 wt. % of at least one dye,

- (c) 1-50 wt. % of at least one dispersant,
- (d) 10-88.95 wt. % of water or of a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (e) 0-5 wt. % of further customary constituents for colorant preparations.

Claim 27 (New) The oriented strand board of claim 26, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises 0.1-5.6 wt. % of said dye.

Claim 28 (New) The oriented strand board of claim 26, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises:

- (a) 10-60 wt. % of at least one pigment,
- (b) 0.1-5.6 wt. % of said dye,
- (c) 1-40 wt. % of at least one dispersant,
- (d) 10-80 wt. % of water or of a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (e) 0-5 wt. % of further customary constituents for colorant preparations.

Claim 29 (New) The oriented strand board of claim 26, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises 0.5-10 wt. % of said dye, based on a total weight of said pigment.

Claim 30 (New) The process of claim 10, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises:

- (a) 10-60 wt. % of at least one pigment,
- (b) 0.1-5.6 wt. % of said dye,
- (c) 1-40 wt. % of at least one dispersant,
- (d) 10-80 wt. % of water or of a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (e) 0-5 wt. % of further customary constituents for colorant preparations.

Claim 31 (New) The process of claim 10, wherein said liquid colorant preparation comprises 0.5-10 wt. % of said dye, based on a total weight of said pigment.